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A Word From The Bishop, Don Maier

"For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich."
2 Corinthians 8:9 NRSV

You'll Have Mail

I have just returned from the Spring meeting of the Conference of Bishops. Among the things we accomplished are two pastoral letters prepared by the Conference to be read in congregations across the church. I will cite them in the order you will receive them.

A Pastoral Letter on Implementation of "Called to Common Mission"

The one and a half page letter ends with a prayer asking the Holy Spirit to guide and strengthen the Church and keep her faithful to Christ and the apostolic witness. The text affirms the bishops' support for CCM and urges its adoption by the Episcopal Church. It also acknowledges the concerns of some on confessional and theological grounds and promises that the Bishops will stay in the conversation on these concerns as we move into a gradual implementation of Full Communion with the Episcopal Church.

The full text of the letter will come soon under separate cover from me. You will also be able to find it on our Synod's web site as well as the ELCA web site.

A Pastoral Letter on Wealth and Poverty

This was the primary topic of our meeting,

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You'll Have Mail

and the letter is the culmination of conversations at three meetings. At this meeting we broke out into groups to visit six ELCA congregations in the Ft. Lauderdale area, each serving people living in poverty. We went to listen and learn. This Pastoral Letter springs from *Sufficient, Sustainable Livelihood for All* , the social statement on economic life also adopted in Denver. It invites ELCA members to become active participants in God's loving concern for the poor.

World Hunger Appeal tops $16 million

Following our 1999 Synod Assembly, when we focused on local and global concern for people in poverty and distress, many congregations followed through with a focus on the ELCA World Hunger Appeal. Along with others around the ELCA we helped to raise $16 million in 1999 for this purpose—up from $12 million in 1998. Thanks be to God, and to you.

Volunteers Needed

Needed are volunteers for the Endowment Investment Committee. The committee meets four times a year. Volunteers should have professional money management, investment management or securities brokerage experience. The committee's sole responsibility is the management and investment of the assets of the Synod's three endowment funds. The committee has no responsibility for disbursement. Contact Joe Stone, committee chair, at 425-831-6021.

Global Mission Event

Something for the whole family!

Children, youth and adults will experience music and culture from around the world as they learn about God's global mission at this summer's Global Mission Event at PLU.

Set for July 13-16, the event will offer exciting music, interactive learning, good food, inspiring speakers from around the world, and more -- and will include age-appropriate programs for children age 3-10, childcare for babies through age 2, and youth programs for Junior High (11-13) and Senior High (14-18), as well as adults. Young people must attend with parent(s) or accompanying adult.

Consider making the GME part of your family's summer vacation plans! Gather a group of youth or families from your congregation! Come away feeling refreshed, energized and inspired by the power of God's Spirit, alive and active among brother and sister Christians around the globe!

For more information or registration forms, call 1-800-638-3522, ext. 2642. For more information on registration, check out the web page at www.elca.org/dgm/gme2000. Pastor Rick Rouse (PLU Director of Church Relations) and Pastor G. Lee Kluth (Trinity, Everett) are co-facilitators for the event.

Mark Your Calendars for Key Events

Sent to Witness and Serve: Making Christ Known

Meeting once a month, the Synod Assembly Planning Group is busy preparing to greet 400 people at Salem in Mount Vernon. This year's Assembly will take place on Friday, June 16, and Saturday, June 17, under the theme: *Sent to Witness and Serve: Making Christ Known*. This year's Assembly Planning Group includes:

- **Patrick Brady, Chair** (member of Calvary, Seattle)
- **Donene Blair**, Synod staff
- **Brian Birch, Youth Convo** (member of Lord of Life, Renton)
- **Sheri Brown, Housing** (member of Bethel of Shoreline, Shoreline)
- **Cheryl Wolff, Registrar** (member of Trinity, Everett)
- **Pastor Carol Jensen, Program** (pastor of St. John, Seattle)
- **Don and Marilyn Hickok, Facility/ Hospitality** (members of Salem, Mount Vernon)
- **Pastor Bob Roiko,** Interim pastor of Salem, Mount Vernon
- **Ed Gustafson, Inclusion of people with disabilities** (member of Maple Leaf, Seattle)
- **Gordon Omdal, volunteer coordination** (member of Edison, Bow)
- **Margit Peiffle, Synod Staff/Publicity** (member of Our Saviour's, Arlington)
- **Vicky Thomas, Worship and Music** (member of Our Savior, Issaquah)
- **Jenifer Troxel, Comptroller** (member of Edison, Bow)

Stewardship Days in the NWWA Synod

One-day stewardship seminars for congregational stewardship leaders are planned for 2000. These seminars will feature: guided practice in stewardship program skills, learning from the experience of your peers, and much more. For more information, contact Rev Philip Reitz, or Janet Nelson at Region 1 Office, 206-624-0093. You can email Rev. Reitz at reitzpl@aol.com.

Dates and locations for the NWWA Synod are:

- Saturday, April 8--Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 215 Mukilteo Blvd, Everett; 425-252-0413.
- Saturday, May 20--Messiah Lutheran Church, 805 Fourth Street NE, Auburn; 253-833-5280.

Chrism Mass

This year's Chrism Mass will take place at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, April 12, at Queen Anne, Seattle.

Walt Wangerin In Town

Rev. Walt Wangerin Jr. will be in town on Saturday, Sept. 30, and Sunday, Oct. 1 for our Synod's Faith Festival--"Live the Faith, Pass The Faith." A special time has been set aside from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 29, for rostered personnel to hear Walt speak and to ask Walt questions. This gathering will take place at St. Andrew's. Watch for more details in future newsletters or contact Bette Schneider, Faith Festival Chair, at 206-625-9790.

Clergy Re-entry Into Social Security

by Pastor Lowell G. Almen, Secretary, ELCA

(Excerpt from a letter dated 1/14/2000)

A two-year window has been opened to revoke a past exemption and to allow those interested to rejoin the Social Security program.

Late in 1999, Congress enacted legislation that permits ordained ministers who exempted themselves from Social Security to revoke that exemption, but they must do so before April 15, 2002. Specifically, the new law indicates that an individual can revoke an exemption from Social Security as of Jan. 1, 2000, up to the deadline of April 15, 2002. When revoking an exemption, an ordained minister must choose to begin paying self-employment taxes as of Jan. 1, 2000, or Jan. 1, 2001.

Some of those who opted out of Social Security failed to understand the scope of benefits available through that program, such as disability and survivor benefit coverages, as well as Medicare coverage...Ordained ministers who return to the program during this two-year window and accumulate 40 calendar quarters of coverage will be eligible for those benefits.

The coverages provided under the Board of Pensions of the ELCA for insurance, medical, disability, and retirement plans are built on an assumption of participation by pension-plan members in Social Security coverage...For more information call the Social Security Administration at 1-800-325-0778 or the web site at www.ssa.gov.

Supporting Lutheran Vespers

People who believe in the outreach of Lutheran Vespers have stepped forward during this month to support Lutheran Vespers.

Thank you to:

- ✔ Pacific Lutheran University, Office of Church Relations (Feb. 20)
- ✔ Northlake, Kenmore (Feb. 27)
- ✔ St. Luke's, Bellevue (March 5)
- ✔ First, Bothell (March 12)
- ✔ St. Mark's by the Narrows, Tacoma (March 18)

Thank you also to Cross and Crown in Renton for supporting part of an upcoming show.

Let's keep up the support of Lutheran Vespers. Can your congregation support all or part of a Lutheran Vespers program?

Contact Ernie Fosse, our Synod's Lutheran Vespers Task Force Chair, at 360-652-2909 or ErnieFosse@msn.com.

Check out the NWWA Synod web site at www.lutheransnw.org for an up-to-date listing of supporters and upcoming shows.

(As the congregation did last year, Bethlehem in Seattle has set aside $2000 to challenge Synod congregations and clusters to support Lutheran Vespers. If a congregation or cluster supports, in full, two programs, Bethlehem will pay for the third Sunday--the congregation will do this until the $2000 is gone. That means, your name will be mentioned three times versus two and your congregation will have helped to keep Lutheran Vespers on the air for three more Sundays.)

Celebrating the Arts
presents
Frederick Frahm
Organ Concert and Hymn Sing
April 30, 2000
7 p.m.
a ministry of
Our Savior's Lutheran Church
215 Mukilteo Blvd., Everett
425-252-0413

Women of the ELCA 2000 Bible Study Seminar

Wartburg Seminary's annual seminar is especially designed for those who wish an in-depth introduction to the September through May study for the Women of the ELCA. The workshop will be held May 4 and 5 at Wartburg Theological Seminary.

This workshop will prepare participants for the study on the book of Acts, which will be studied from September 2000 through May 2001. Developed jointly by Women of the ELCA, Evangelical Lutheran Women, and Augsburg Fortress Publishers, this nine-session study will examine the book of Acts, a powerful sourcebook and testimony to the lives and faith of those early Christians.

Rev. Donna Herzfeldt-Kamprath, author of this study, will be the featured speaker. Workshop cost is $30. Lodging, transportation, and food are not included. Registration deadline is April 18. Call 319-589-0324

Enhancing Pastoral Leadership Workshop

A workshop on congregational leadership and supervision of staff called Enhancing Pastoral Leadership will be held June 27 to 29 or August 8 to 10 at Concordia College in Moorhead, Minn.

The workshop's focus will be on five key leadership practices and their effective use in a congregation. Issues related to recruiting, motivating, delegating, and reviewing staff will also be addressed.

Cost is $290 plus travel and lodging. Registration deadlines are May 19, for the June workshop, and June 29, for the August workshop. For more information contact the office of Church Relations, Concordia College, 901 Eighth Street South, Moorhead, MN 56562; phone 218-299-3146; or email at mmeyer/cord.edu. Information is also available on the web at: www.cord.edu/dept/church/church/workshops.html.

Lutherwood Reunion and Quilt Auction

To thank past and present supporters of Lutherwood, a day of fun, food and fellowship, called Lutherwood Reunion and Quilt Auction, will be held on Saturday, Sept. 9, at Lutherwood. Bring stories and photographs. Congregations can set-up craft booths or organize an event. Call Karla at 360-734-5672 or Sherryl at 425-820-7438 with questions.

Consultation To Clergy

Consultation to Clergy is again offering the successful workshop for professional church workers called *Ministry, Vocation, and Family Workshop.*

This workshop is scheduled for May 8 to 10 at Gethsemane, Seattle. This highly acclaimed workshop will again be led by career counselor Larry Gaffin who has extensive experience in parish and campus ministries. He is skilled in helping church professionals clarify their vocation, family, and personal goals.

The $250 workshop cost covers pre-session testing materials, workshop tuition and materials, and an individual session with Gaffin. Funding assistance may be available. For more information or registration, contact Dr. David Kruger, Director of Consultation to Clergy, 911 Stewart St., Seattle 98101 or voice mail at 206-623-8193. All registration and workshop processes are confidential.

In order to allow time for the pre-workshop testing and evaluation, all registrations must be received by April 8.

Fortress Press Title Receives Award

The Biblical Archaeology Society (BAS) recently awarded *Gods, Goddesses and Images of God in Ancient Israel* a 1999 BAS Publication Award in the category "Best Scholarly Book on Archaeology." The book was written by Othmar Keel and Christoph Uehlinger and was published in 1998. You can order this book by calling 1-800-328-4648 or by visiting www.augsburgfortress.org.

Global Justice

Last year two women from our Synod, Kay Slovik and Rev. Jennifer Lewison, were selected to participate in the Global Education and Advocacy Seminar that took place in Eastern Europe--Bratislava, Slovakia, and Saint Petersburg, Russia--from October 27 to November 13, 1999. This seminar was organized by the Division for Global Mission.

The experiences in Eastern Europe were life transforming for many of the women who attended the seminar. Take the time to hear what Slovik and Lewison have to say about their experiences. They have made a commitment for the next two years, to serve our Synod as advocates for global justice. They are available to present information about what they learned and to discuss global justice issues. You can reach the advocates at the following addresses:

Kay Slovik
6605 83rd Avenue NE
Marysville, WA 98270-7751

And

Rev. Jennifer Lewison
First Evangelical Lutheran Church
2015 East Blackburn Road
Mount Vernon, WA 98274

Local Organization Receives Grant

The Women of the ELCA recently awarded a $2000 grant to the Lutheran Peace Fellowship for "leadership training for peacemaking." Since 1990 Women of the ELCA grants in support of women and children have totaled nearly two million dollars.

Books for Ethiopia:

The ongoing project for Haik Orphanage and our sister synod in Ethiopia uncovered a brilliant idea--encyclopedias!!

Ray Austin, former missionary to Haik, writes that encyclopedias would fill a real need. Do you have a up-to-date set you could part with? Would you like to buy one to send? Contact: Joan Peterson at 206-789-7447 or email at JPeter2828@aol.com.

Dr. Paul Wee

Brown Bag Luncheon Seminar

Pastors, church professionals, and lay leaders are invited to a luncheon seminar with Dr. Paul Wee, Former Assistant General Secretary of the Lutheran World Federation, from noon to 2 p.m. on Tuesday, April 18, at Trinity Lutheran College (formerly LBI) in Issaquah.

Wee worked with the Lutheran World Federation and The United Nations and continues to serve as a consultant to many organizations. He made significant contributions to bringing about peace in Guatemala. Bring a bag lunch and take advantage of this free opportunity for dialogue with an internationally renowned Lutheran pastor.

Wee is the keynote for Trinity's annual World Awareness Week, held April 17-20, where he will on the theme of "Cross and Resurrection: A Global Perspective" everyday during chapel. Chapel begins at 10 a.m. and is open to the public.

Global Mission Volunteer Opportunities

The Division for Global Mission (DGM) has volunteer opportunities for people looking to help others. Contact DGM at 1-800-638-3522, ext. 2648, or email dgmserve@elca.org. Check out additional opportunities on the web at www.elca.org/dgm.

United Kingdom: Young Adult Service

Commit 11 to 12 months to work in a social service agency or church. You will work as part of a staff team. This one year service begins September 2000, is for those who are 19 to 24 years old, and will cost the first $500 of airfare and program fees plus any spending money over and above allowance. (Priority deadline was March 1.)

China: Summer English Teaching Program

Teams of English speakers teach new skills to Chinese middle school teachers in a variety of locations in China during the summer from July 1 to Aug. 8. Applications should be submitted by April 7. Interested groups are invited to recruit team members (4 to 6 per team). Costs to volunteers include round-trip travel to Hong Kong, plus a program fee of $1200 per participant.

Slovakia: Teaching in English

Teach English language, literature, conversation, and history/culture to students in 8th and 13th grades. Local teachers allowance, housing, and medical coverage provided. Costs to volunteers is air travel. B.A. required. Term of service from July 2000 through June 2001. Priority deadline is April 15.

Worship 2000 Jubilee

Lifting Up Jesus Christ:Yesterday, Today, and Forever

A National Conference on Worship in the ELCA will be held from July 10 through 13 at Chicago's Navy Pier.

The conference will feature: Susan Briehl, Kathleen Harmon, Gordon Lathrop, Peter Mazar, J-Glenn Murray, Mary Oyer, Gail Ramshaw, Robert Rimbo, Don Saliers, Samuel Torvend, and John Witvliet.

Registrations for Worship 2000 Jubilee were mailed to all ELCA congregations in February, including information about the conference fee. Registration materials are at: www.elca.org/dcm/worship/2000.html or www.augsburgfortress.org/events.

Building Legacy: Lutheran Men's Gathering 1999

Region 1 Resource Center has recently acquired the entire set of ten videotapes from last summer's Lutheran Men's Gathering in Breckenridge, Colorado. Some of the tapes are:

Walt Wangerin: *The Legacy*
Tony Melendez: *In Concert*
Ken Canfield: *Fathering in the New Millennium*
Bart Campolo: *Receiving the Father's Blessing*
Albert Staff, Jr: *The Joshua Generation*
Lyman Coleman: *Small Group Ministry for Men*
Paul Todd: *In Concert*

To reserve videos, call Region 1 Resource Center at 206-624-0093.

Candidates Needed for PLU Board of Regents

The Nomination Committee of the Pacific Lutheran University (PLU) Board of Regents is currently seeking names of candidates for consideration as potential board members. Contact the Office of the President at PLU at 253-535-7110 for a list of qualifications and a candidate consideration form. Forms should be received by the President's Office no later than April 1.

Northwest Lutherhostel

This fall the Pacific Northwest will host the first Lutherhostel in this region. The *Northwest Lutherhostel* will take place from September 18 through 21 at the LOMA Center for Renewal in Issaquah. The five-day retreat will feature Dr. Thomas Droege as the primary presenter, following a theme of *Health and Healing in the New Millennium.* Pastor June Eastvold (ret) will serve as worship leader.

Dr. Droege is currently associated with the Interfaith Health Resource Project at Carter Center in Atlanta, GA, and was formerly a professor of theology and counselor at Valparaiso University in Indiana.

For more information, contact 253-584-2558 or 253-759-6777; or email at chhlrein@aol.com.

The Association of Older Adults (ALOA) sponsors Lutherhostels throughout the US and is supporting this program.

Evergreen TeleVision Workshops

Celebration Workshop

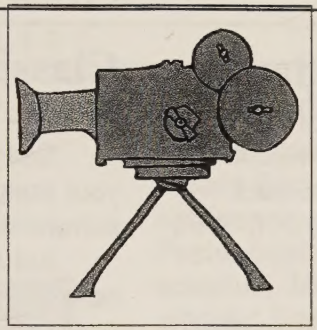
Evergreen Youth Television, celebrating 10 years of video training, is offering a free workshop for high school youth from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 15, at University, Seattle. ($5 per group for lunch.) This workshop is for two high school youth and an adult sponsor. You will learn about video production from a faith and values perspective, learn creative story-telling, and learn how to put together a video ministry. For reservations, call EYTV at 206-624-0093, ext. 114.

Training To Use Video Workshop

A television workshop for grades 10 to 12 will be held from July 29 to August 6 at Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma. For more information and application call 1-800-878-7280 or check out the web site at www.eytv@hotmail.com. Cost is $400. Application deadline is Friday, March 31.

Junior High Explosion

This year on April 15, junior high students from all over the Pacific Northwest will gather at Trinity Lutheran College (formerly LBI) in Issaquah for a day packed with activity: from swimming and gym time to Bible study and worship. Raucous games and foot stompin' music are highlights for many. It isn't called an explosion for nothing! The cost for the day is $15 for students and $7.50 for adult leaders. The registration deadline is April 5. For more information, call Linda Zinter at 425-961-5544 or email ministry@tlc.edu.



Region 1 Youth Events

All events will be held at Pacific Lutheran University. For more information check your *justabouteverythingpages* or call 206-624-0093, ext. 113. Some scholarships are available.

Holy Commotion

Training in music (vocal and instrumental), dance, drama (separate sessions) to enhance congregational worship. This workshop will be held July 30 to August 3. Cost is $200. Contact Laurie Howe at 16203 Seventh Ave Ct. E, Tacoma, WA 98445; phone 253-531-6887; or email at s.l.howe@juno.com.

Rainbow of Gifts

Lively worship, challenging skill building, cultural enrichment and faith development for kids of all colors and cultures. This event is from July 30 to August 3. Cost is $100. Contact Melinda Jenkins at 206-624-0093; or email at mlynnjenk@aol.com.

Leadership Training School

Leadership Training School (LTS) helps young people see, develop, and celebrate their "gifts" to build youth ministry back in the congregation. This event will take place July 29 to August 3. Cost is $125 for LTS I; $135 for LTS II. Contact Ingelaurie Lisher at 253-839-0344; or emial at i.a.lisher@juno.com

Youth Director Needed

Nativity Lutheran Church, Renton, WA is looking for a quarter time youth director. If interested, please contact Pastor John N. Clauson at 425-228-5464 or nativity@unidial.com.

Preschool Teacher Needed

Central Lutheran Church Preschool is looking for a Preschool Director/Teacher. Successful candidate needs to have a Teaching Certificate (BA), Early Childhood Education Certificate, or at least three years experience working with preschool age children (experience within a Christian preschool desired). 28 hours per week, 9.75 months (mid-August through first week in June), $1,450 to $1,550 per month. Contact Central Lutheran for Position Application Form at 2702 Rockefeller Ave, Everett, WA 98201 or call 425-252-8291.

Children's Music Director

Holy Trinity, Mercer Island, seeks a Director of Children's Music to help make children's music a greater part of their ministry. The successful candidate is responsible to and works in collaboration with the Director of Music and the Senior Pastor. This is a new position and is available immediately. The position is considered .25 FTE for nine months, $400 to $450 per month DOE. Contact Erik Floan, Director of Music, Holy Trinity, 8501 SE 40th Street, Mercer Island, WA 98040; phone 206-232-3270; or email htlcmi@uswest.net.

Classified Ads

At AAL Web Site

Searching for a youth director for your congregation? Wondering if a church somewhere would welcome used pews?

Aid Association for Lutherans (AAL) now offers an alternative/ addition to the usual advertising spots: the classified ads in the Lutheran Online section of the AAL Web Site (www.aal.org).

All that is required to post ads is to register with Lutherans Online or AALnet on the Web site. People need not be AAL members to register or to read and respond to the ads. Follow-up contacts are made through email addresses listed on the ads.

Every ad is automatically deleted after two weeks, unless it is withdrawn earlier by the person who placed it. The ad may be re-posted or changed at any time.

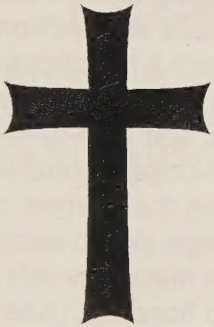
On-Line Shopping

Seattle based GreaterGood.com runs a Web Site, Internet Mall, which includes links to online stores, including Amazon.com. Shoppers check in at the mall's site, then continue on using easy-to-follow directions.

For every supporter who registers through Housing Hope's shopping site, GreatGood.com will donate $3. Housing Hope will receive at least five percent on all purchases made through the Housing Hope Shopping Web Site. Check it out today and support Housing Hope. Housing Hope's web site is: www.housinghope.org.

Within Our Family

Prayers for Strength and Healing for...



† **Rev. Steve Grumm** who continues to heal.

† **Rev. John Clauson**, Nativity in Renton, who underwent back surgery March 7. He will have a four-month recovery.

To Keep in Our Prayers...

† **Dr. David Kruger,** Consultation to Clergy, whose mother passed away on February 24 in Minnesota.

† The family of **Borghild Bromstad Olson.** Olson died on Feb. 3 in Redmond at nearly 94 years of age. She and her husband, Pastor Christian G. Olson, were graduates of Augsburg College, and Chris of Augsburg Seminary in the late 1920's. He was a Lutheran Free Church pastor, and died in 1969. He had served Lakeridge Lutheran Church in south King County and had been president of the West Coast District of the LFC prior to his retirement in 1967. Borghild had been active in the national women's federation and educational programs of the LFC. Borghild was a teacher for many years, most recently in Renton.

Congratulations to...

† Congrats to **Rev. Jim and Gloria Doherty** on the birth of their daughter, Elizabeth Helen Doherty, on February 15.

News and Notes

† In June, **Pastor Erick Wilson Weiberg,** Ballard First, pledged to run 250 miles between June 25 and November 25. Pastor Erick finished well ahead of schedule. Members of the church pledged their support. The money raised was given to the Lutheran World Hunger Appeal.

† Congratulations to **Northlake, Kenmore,** on the completion and grand opening of Chuck's House. Tahoma Hills now has possession of this house that is dedicated to provide care to residents who are developmentally disabled.

† Through financial support and lots of prayers members at **Queen Anne, Queen Ann**, have seen something wonderful happen. The Holeta School in Ethiopia now has a well with water--enough water for a whole year. Pastor Berhanu received the wonderful news via email from Tibelu Bikele, who oversees the finances at the school.

† **Krista Wade, member at Magnolia, Seattle,** and a senior at Franklin High School, was named a Seattle finalist in the 1999-2000 "Reflections." Reflections is a national PTA program which recognizes Achievement in the Arts. Her work was on display at the Seattle Center House.

† Recently a class was offered by local chaplains through **Lutheran Ministries--Seattle** to help people feel comfortable when visiting someone in the hospital or nursing home.

† **Prince of Peace, Shoreline** has a new web site. The address is: http://www.pop-luthchurch.com

Newsletter Deadlines

Do you have something you want to share with other congregations in our Synod? Family news? Events? Workshops? Concerts?

Deadlines for Soundings (newsletter for rostered personnel) and The Spirit (newsletter for congregations and their members) are as follows:

May--Monday, April 3
June/July--Monday, May 1
August--Monday, July 3
September--Monday, July 31
October--Monday, September 4
November--Monday, October 2
December--Monday, November 6

Ideas and copy for the next supplement to The Lutheran magazine are due by April 14. The supplement will be included in the July issue. The supplement is a great place to share your photographs of events and celebrations.

All information and ideas can be sent to Margit Peiffle at: 21721 88th Ave. NE, Arlington, WA 98223; fax 360-435-5955; email peifflepr@aol.com; telephone 360-403-9870.

Read the current issue of Soundings or The Spirit by simply logging on to our Synod web site at: www.lutheransnw.org. (You can also read past issues of the newsletters.) The Northwest Washington Synod Web Site received more than 7,000 hits in February.

How Shall They Hear?

Imagine having the collective wisdom of top-notch religion communicators at your finger tips. The Religion Communicators Council presents the revised sixth edition of *How Shall They Hear? A handbook for religion communicators.* It is filled with articles, tips, and step-by-step instructions. This 166-page manual includes topics such as: using the Internet, newsletters, layout and design, public relations, and advertising. The manual is only $14.95 plus shipping and handling. (See insert in this month's Soundings for ordering details.)

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